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SUBJECT: CONSULAR: PARTIAL CLOSURE OF IRAN
BORDER WITH PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN

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1. CONGEN LAHORE WAS INFORMED BY TWO AMERICANS THAT
IRANIAN LAND BORDER WITH PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN HAS
BEEN PARTIALLY CLOSED SINCE AUGUST 9.

2. ACCORDING IRANIAN CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC OFFI-
CIALS IN LAHORE AND ISLAMABAD, THE CLOSURE IS TEMPORARY
AND PARTIAL AND IS RELATED TO OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA IN
PAKISTAN BORDER REGION IN BALUCHISTAN. AS RESULT
IRANIAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS IN PAKISTAN HAVE BEEN
INSTRUCTED DISCOURAGE OVERLAND BORDER TRANSIT BY
TRAVELERS AND HAVE BEEN LIMITING ISSUANCE OF VISAS
PARTICULARLY TO PAKISTANIS. SOME AMERICAN TOURISTS IN
LAHORE WERE TEMPORARILY REFUSED VISAS BUT LATER IRANIAN
CONGEN THERE AND IRANIAN EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD STATED
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THAT AMERICANS AND MOST OTHER NATIONALITIES WOULD

BE GIVEN OVERLAND VISAS ON DISCRETIONARY SELECTIVE
BASIS. THE TWO OFFICES WERE UNCERTAIN HOWEVER
WHETHER THE IRANIAN BORDER AUTHORITIES WOULD HONOR
THESE VISAS GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. IRANIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR EXPECT THAT PARTIAL
CLOSURE WILL BE LIFTED WITHIN ABOUT ONE WEEK.
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